Statement

State-wise Plant Load Factor during-Oct. 1986

Name of the State	PLF%
Delhi	55·4
J&k	—
Haryana	31·5
Rajasthan	45·9
Punjab	60·4
Uttar Pradesh	47·1
Gujarat	52·5
Maharashtra	53·7
Madhya Pradesh	54·7
Andhra Pradesh	68·1
Karnataka	39·9
Tamil Nadu	67·8
Bihar	33·1
Orissa	29·5
West Bengal	43·3
D.V.C.	44·3
Assam	17·0
ALL India	51·5

Pench Hydro-Electric Project

719. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) by when the two units of 80 MW each of Pench Hydro-electric Project, which is a Joint venture of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra States would be ready for commercial operation; and

(b) what is the present stage of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Pench Hydro-electric Project Unit-I was synchronised in September, 1986 and has been in commercial operation since then. Unit-II of Pench Hydro-electric Project is expected to be synchronised by mid January, 1987.

(b) Some work on the main Dam and Earthen dyke work are in progress and the remaining Civil works have been completed. Generator barrel concreting on Unit-II has been completed. Stator and rotor of Unit-II have been completely assembled and the rotor has also been lowered in position.

Thermal Power Plant in Kerala

720. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to set up a thermal power plant either based on gas or on coal in Kerala; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) had requested the Central Electricity Authority (C.E.A.) for assistance in the preparation of feasibility report for a thermal power plant with an ultimate capacity of 4 units of 210 MW each and have been advised by the CEA to furnish detailed field data and other relevant details required for preparation of the feasibility report.

The project could be considered for implementation only after its techno-economic feasibility is established, inputs like coal and water are tied up and necessary clearance from the environmental and pollution angles become available.